

What Does A Prayer Warriors Life Look Like?

THE CHALLENGE:

Regularly spend time with God in personal prayer and contemplation
To accept the challenge to be involved in prayer meetings at SVC

1 Timothy 2: 1-4, 8
Ephesians 6:18

THE GOALS:

Developing disciplines; setting time aside for God
Knowing The Holy Spirit and His Presence; hearing His voice and leading (**John 10:4**)
Becoming a “doer” of the Word. (**James 1:22**)
To know God’s Word and truth; renewing our minds. (**Romans 12:1-2**)
Becoming single minded (**James 1:7-8**)

THE AIMS:

Spend one hour per day. Five days per week in God’s presence, praying, contemplating, hearing.

THE OUTCOMES:

Strong and growing relationship with God; knowing and loving His presence.
Obedient to God and effective in prayer.
Willing to take on outcomes beyond oneself (faith stretching)
Strengthening our “inner man” (**Ephesians 3:16**)

THE DISCIPLINES:

Set aside a schedule of three or four times per week for 15 – 20 minutes (a good beginning point)
Intentionally invite the Holy Spirit to come; praise; worship and pray in tongues (**1 Corinthians 14:18**).
Read a small portion of Scripture; Psalm, Proverb, etc.
Ask the Holy Spirit to speak to you and reveal His truth.
Be quiet and listen for at least 5 minutes.

GROWING STRONG AS A PRAYER WARRIOR:

Beginning the journey of becoming a prayer warrior is an act of the will; we bring God a sacrifice of praise (**Hebrews 13:15**); we make ourselves available to God by creating a habit and we exercise discipline (from the word “disciple”).

Don’t be discouraged if initially you don’t hear from God or “feel” His presence. Our minds need to be trained, renewed and brought into submission to God’s Word. This process may take some time – days, weeks, months; but God is faithful and He will hear your prayers and know your heart (**Acts 15:8**). Initially, avoid petition or intercessory prayers (this can come later). Ultimately God will place a burden of petition and intercession on you and you will be able to pray according to His will (**1 John 15:14**).

As you begin to ramp up prayer and increase the time you spend with God; make a list of prayers, intercession points and pray these through the day as the Holy Spirit leads you; this will develop "God consciousness" during your normal activities.

The discipline of prayer is developed slowly over time; this is part of the building of a disciple. Like training for a marathon, the prayer warrior should learn to build up endurance and inner strength. Ultimately marathons are won when our minds have been conquered.

Prayer is warfare (***Colossians 4: 12-13***), know your enemy (***Ephesians 6:12***). He will bombard your mind with doubt and discouragement. Procrastination, distraction and fear are the enemies of a disciplined prayer life. Check your thoughts regularly with the Word of God. Put on the full armour of God (***Ephesians 6: 13***)